IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re application of: **Brooks et al.** \$ Group Art Unit: **2195**Serial No.: **10/751,317** \$ Examiner: **Tang, Kenneth**\$ Filed: **January 2, 2004** \$ Confirmation No.: **2020**

For: Method, System, and Product for Defining and Managing Provisioning States for Resources in Provisioning Data Processing Systems Attorney Docket No.: AUS920030294US1

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

No fees are believed to be required. If, however, any fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees which may be required to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

In response to the Office Action of September 17, 2008, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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